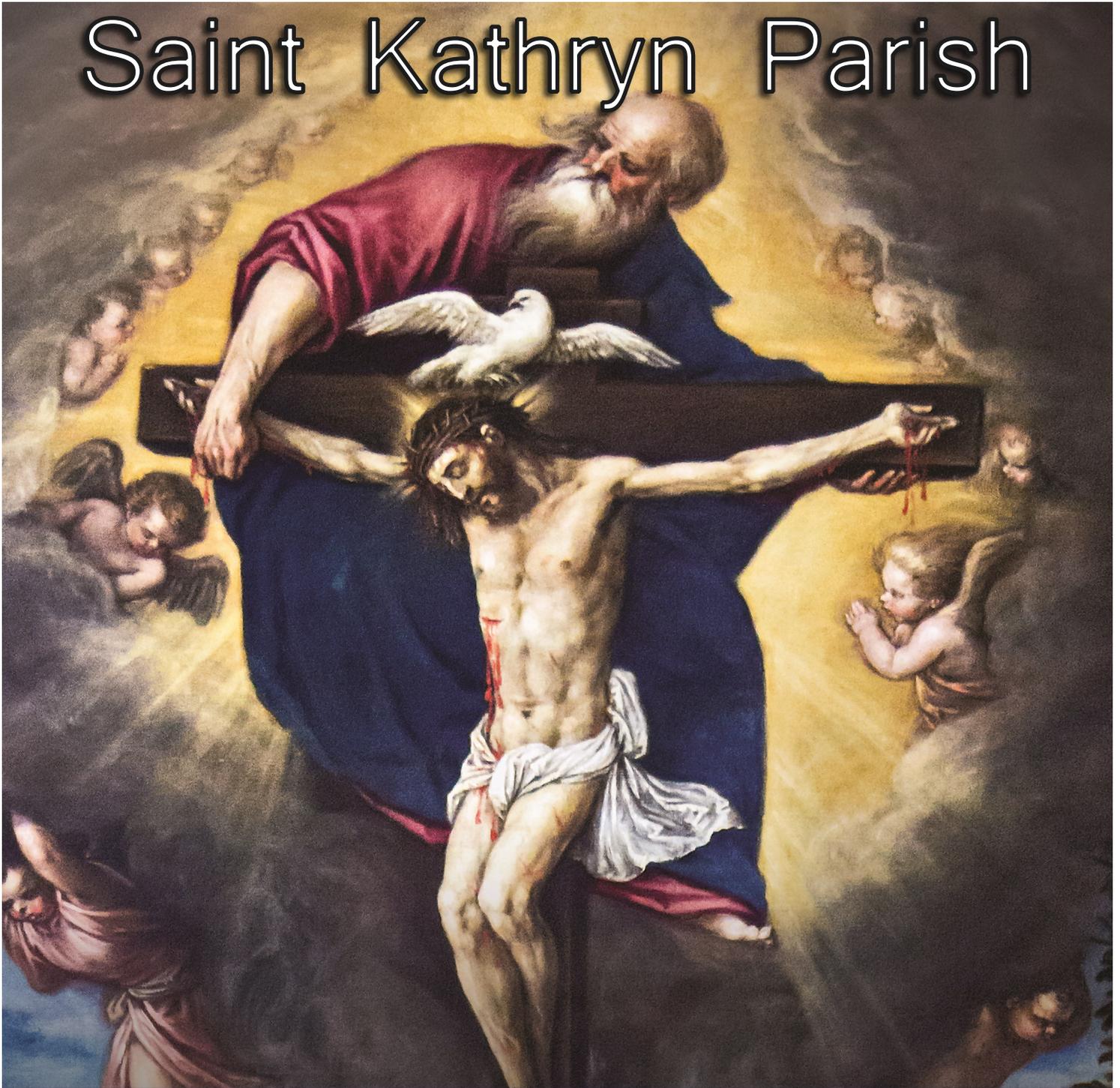


Saint Kathryn Parish



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. - Jn 3:16

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God Alone!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



The sixth letter to the Churches in the Book of Revelation is addressed to the Church of Philadelphia, a city about thirty miles south of Sardis. The ancient city of Philadelphia is the modern city of Alasehir in Turkey. It suffered an earthquake in the year A.D. 17 and was rebuilt and given the name Neo-Caesarea. The Christian community of Philadelphia like the Christians of Smyrna were spared criticism from the Lord as they remained faithful to the Gospel despite the persecutions of the time. The Lord addresses the people, saying, *“To the angel of the church in Philadelphia, write this, ‘I know your works. You have limited strength, and yet you have kept my word and have not denied my name. Because you have kept my message of endurance, I will keep you safe in the time of trial that is going to come to the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth. I am coming quickly. Hold fast to what you have, so that no one may take your crown’”* (Rev. 3: 7a; 8; 10-11).

The words of our Lord to the church in Philadelphia bear two significant points for us to consider as we continue to reflect on the renewal of fervor required of a disciple of Jesus. The first point can be taken from the Lord’s recognition that the Christians there have kept His message of endurance. Jesus’ message of endurance is His own very example of patient endurance of His Passion and Cross. One of the most subtle causes of lukewarmness is weariness. Weariness is a result of the spiritual battle in which the Christian is engaged, whether consciously or unconsciously. Weariness comes from dealing with the world. Back on the seventh Sunday of Easter, I shared in my homily, how Jesus spent much of His time on the Mount of Olives. There He would return often to spend the night in prayer with His Father. Why? Because He knew that only by returning to the fountain of life itself, His Father in Heaven, would He be renewed in His sacred humanity to continue and press on in perseverance. It was Jesus’ deep life of prayer that overcame the weariness He bore in His humanity. This is what gave Him the ability to patiently endure all things out of love for His Father. Again, as I spoke back on the Seventh Sunday of Easter, *“Prayer does refresh the soul. In our tiredness, in our difficulties, in our trials, in the trials of the world, the Lord, the risen Christ again and again calls His people to a renewed encounter with Him in their life of prayer because it is in prayer that God imparts to us His peace, His strength, His grace.”* I love this quote from St. Gregory Nazianzen, *“It is necessary to remember God more often than one breathes”* or as the Catechism says, *“prayer is the encounter of God’s thirst with our thirst. God is thirsting for us to thirst for Him.”* Thus, if we want to avoid lukewarmness of heart, we must be constant in our following the example of Jesus’ patient endurance. The strength to do this can only come from a deep and constant life of prayer.

The second point we must consider from the Lord’s words to the Church of Philadelphia is the Lord’s reminder of the Christian’s limited strength. In other words, God is the source of their faithfulness; they are not the source of their own faithfulness. Returning to the wisdom of Father Frederick Faber, *“The seventh and last symptom of lukewarmness is a thinking rather of the good we have done than of the good we have left undone, resting on the past rather than striving for the future. Our own ease and self-complacency find their account in this attitude of the soul.”* How easy it can be to take credit for the good we do. However, in every instance, any good we do or any merit we acquire can only have one source: God alone. Lukewarmness can often lull us into thinking that we are pretty self-sufficient. We have accomplished what have done, and it is sufficient. Father Faber reflects that it can be easy for souls to, *“ever calculate the sacrifices they have made, and fondly realize to themselves the glory of their self-devotion.”* The antidote to this is a humble recognition that God is the origin of all we are and all we have. Let us conclude by hearing St. Paul, *“Consider your own calling, brothers. Not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. Rather, God chose the foolish of the world to shame the wise, and God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong, and God chose the lowly and despised of the world, those who count for nothing, to reduce to nothing those who are something, so that no human being might boast before God. It is due to him that you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, as well as righteousness, sanctification, and redemption, so that, as it is written, “Whoever boasts, should boast in the Lord”* (1 Cor. 1: 26-31).

In Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Michael

LOCAL FAMILIES IN NEED Our friend Jaretta, liaison from the Tolles Street Mission, has let us know of two women coming out of transitional housing who are both pregnant with girls and due in August. They are both in need of many items: women’s clothing, diapers, wipes, baby clothes for girls, strollers, cribs, and household items. If you are able to donate any of these necessities, please contact Jaretta directly at 603.820.0365. Thank you for your prayers and donations for those who find themselves in a vulnerable state, especially during this difficult time of pandemic.

LETTER FROM SISTER DIANE DUBE, PM

Dear St. Kathryn Family,



After years of prayer and ministry, the time has come to commit myself to the Lord, my Community and the

Church in a definitive way. I will be professing my final vows with the Sisters of the Presentation of Mary on June 13th. Plans were in place since last Fall to celebrate this great event among you in my home parish. But, none of us could have foreseen the changes required of us due to this pandemic. As a result of the virus, my Community has opted for the safety of everyone, and my celebration will now be a private affair at our Provincial House in Methuen, MA. I want to thank you for your support throughout my years in formation. I especially want to thank Marybeth Florczak and the members of the Vocation Support Association for their faithful support of cards, prayers and monetary assistance. I will carry you all in my heart as I make my profession and ask that you join me in spirit at 11:00 a.m. on the 13th. If I can ever be of service to you, you may reach me at Marie-Joseph Spiritual Center, 10 Evans Rd., Biddeford, Maine 04005.

May God continue to bless all of you as we continue to journey with Jesus in this amazing adventure which is our Faith-Alive!

Blessings,
Sr. Diane Dube, pm

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS Are you thinking about becoming Catholic?



Responding to God’s Call

No matter when you begin to consider Catholicism, rest assured that God is present from the first moment of your spiritual journey. There are many reasons you may yearn to deepen your relationship with God.

The Search for Meaning We live in a secular culture that constantly bombards us with subtle messages that tell us we aren’t good enough, we don’t have enough, and we need something new to make us happy.

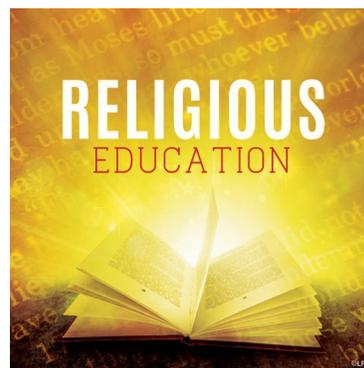
The Search for God The search for God almost always involves a struggle with the image of God that was instilled in us as children.

The Search for Belonging We live in a technological world, but despite our capacity for instant communication, we often feel alone.

The Search for Truth The quest for truth solely through history, philosophy, literature, or theology often brings to light misconceptions about Catholic beliefs that have no basis of reality.

The Search for Family Unity Many find that as they discover more about the Catholic faith, their initial desire based on family unity becomes a deep, personal desire to enter into the community as a disciple of Jesus.

Deciding to find out more? Contact Deacon Ray Marcotte at deacon.ray@stkathryns.org.



Religious education registration forms for grades 1-10 for school year 2020-2021 are available online at <https://www.stkathryns.org/religious-education-grades-1-10> and in the back of the church. Early registration has already passed and the fee has increased as we

have already placed our book order, so be sure to register by August 3rd to avoid further late fees! Tuition is \$45/child and \$90/family maximum. Confirmation this year will be for grades 3, 6, and 7. Please get your registrations in as soon as possible for the best chance of having your children be placed in the group you select for the convenience of your schedule.

LITANY OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Lord, have mercy.
 Christ, have mercy.
 Lord, have mercy.

Christ, hear us.
 Christ, graciously hear us.

God, the Father of Heaven, have mercy on us.
 God, the Son, Redeemer of the world, have mercy on us.
 God, the Holy Ghost, have mercy on us.
 Holy Trinity, one God, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, Son of the Eternal Father, have mercy on us.
 Heart of Jesus, formed in the womb of the Virgin Mother by the Holy Ghost, have mercy on us.
 Heart of Jesus, united substantially to the Word of God, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, of infinite majesty, have mercy on us.
 Heart of Jesus, holy temple of God, have mercy on us.
 Heart of Jesus, tabernacle of the Most High, have mercy on us.
 Heart of Jesus, house of God and gate of heaven, have mercy on us.
 Heart of Jesus, glowing furnace of charity, have mercy on us.
 Heart of Jesus, vessel of justice and love, have mercy on us.
 Heart of Jesus, full of goodness and love, have mercy on us.
 Heart of Jesus, abyss of all virtues, have mercy on us.
 Heart of Jesus, most worthy of all praise, have mercy on us.
 Heart of Jesus, king and center of all hearts, have mercy on us.
 Heart of Jesus, in whom are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, have mercy on us.

Heart of Jesus, in whom dwells all the fullness of the Divinity, have mercy on us.
 Heart of Jesus, in whom the Father is well pleased, have mercy on us.
 Heart of Jesus, of whose fullness we have all received, have mercy on us.
 Heart of Jesus, desire of the everlasting hills, have mercy on us.
 Heart of Jesus, patient and rich in mercy, have mercy on us.
 Heart of Jesus, rich to all who invoke you, have mercy on us.
 Heart of Jesus, fount of life and holiness, have mercy on us.

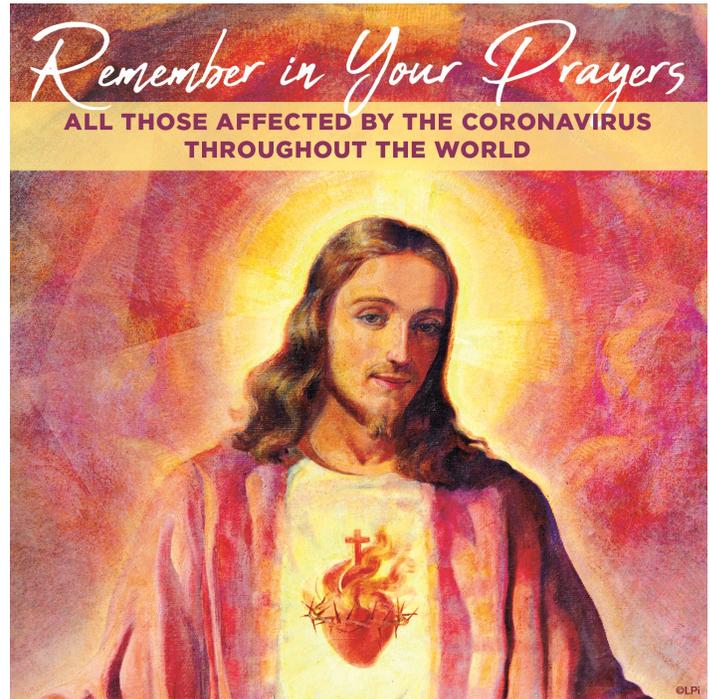
Heart of Jesus, propitiation for our sins, have mercy on us.
 Heart of Jesus, saturated with reviling, have mercy on us.
 Heart of Jesus, crushed for our iniquities, have mercy on us.
 Heart of Jesus, made obedient unto death, have mercy on us.
 Heart of Jesus, pierced with a lance, have mercy on us.
 Heart of Jesus, source of all consolation, have mercy on us.
 Heart of Jesus, our life and resurrection, have mercy on us.
 Heart of Jesus, our peace and reconciliation, have mercy on us.
 Heart of Jesus, victim for our sins, have mercy on us.
 Heart of Jesus, salvation of those who hope in you, have mercy on us.
 Heart of Jesus, hope of those who die in you, have mercy on us.
 Heart of Jesus, delight of all saints, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, spare us, O Lord.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, graciously hear us, O Lord.
 Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us

V. Jesus, meek and humble of Heart.
 R. Make our hearts like yours.

Let us pray

Almighty and everlasting God,
 look upon the Heart of your well-beloved Son
 and upon the acts of praise and satisfaction
 which he renders to you in the name of sinners.
 Of your great goodness,
 grant pardon to those who seek your mercy,
 in the name of the your Son, Jesus Christ,
 who lives and reigns with you, forever and ever. Amen.



REFLECTING GOD'S GENEROSITY TO US

May 24-25 offertory:	\$ 3,610.00
Online giving:	\$ 6,144.12
Total:	\$ 9,754.12
Ascension:	\$ 1,183.00
Catholic Communications:	\$ 470.00
May 30-31 offertory:	\$ 4,072.00
Online giving:	\$ 6,936.00
Total:	\$ 11,008.00

Our weekly parish budget is \$11,900.00. Thank you for signing up for automatic online giving at stkathryns.org/donate or for mailing offertory checks to the main office at **4 Dracut Road, Hudson, NH 03051**.

BRICKS FOR MARY'S GARDEN Please support a Mary Garden renovation project for the PMA sisters by buying an engraved brick. The project will create a secluded garden for the sisters for private prayer. It will include a brick pathway leading to an area with a bench and a pedestal to hold a repainted statue of the Blessed Mother. Your message will be engraved in a brick that will be carefully placed on the path where it will be seen each time someone enters the garden!

Order Form:

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone # _____

Email _____

Brick 1: No. of lines _____ \$ _____

Brick 2: No. of lines _____ \$ _____

Brick 3: No. of lines _____ \$ _____

Total \$ _____

Message(s):

Brick #1

Brick #2

Brick #3

1 line brick — \$35

2 Line brick — \$40

3 line brick — \$45

Please mail your order form with a check made out to James Bord and send it to:

Bricks for Mary's Garden
6 Hazelwood Dr.
Hudson, NH 03051

The message cannot be longer than three lines. Each line may be up to 14 characters long, including spaces.

ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION When unable to receive Jesus sacramentally in the Eucharist, a Spiritual Communion can be made:

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

PRAYER TO OUR LADY, HEALTH OF THE SICK

O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in faith.

O loving Mother, you know what we need, and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee.

Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable, and for those who have died.

Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure.

Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows, so as to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection.

Amen.

Under thy protection we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God. In our needs, despise not our petitions, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis

CORONAVIRUS UPDATES Events and information in this bulletin may be outdated by the time of distribution. Please visit stkathryns.org (and sign up for our email announcements there!) and/or find us on Facebook at Saint Kathryn's Church for the very latest information regarding events and procedures in the time of coronavirus.

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Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. and 1:00-4:00 p.m. Closed Friday/Weekends

SAINT KATHRYN RELIGIOUS GOODS (CLOSED TEMPORARILY FOR COVID-19 PREVENTION)

Our religious goods store is located in the back of the parish office building and has its own parking.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Saturday 9:00 a.m.—Noon

Friday and Sunday Closed

603.595.4463

SCHEDULE OF MASSES (PUBLIC MASSES TO RESUME NO LATER THAN JUNE 14TH)

Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:00 p.m. Sunday Masses: 8:30 a.m.; 10:30 a.m. (livestream); 6:30 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Thursday: 5:30-6:15 p.m.

Saturday: 9:15-10:00 a.m. (and 3:00-3:45 p.m. when normal operations resume)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Catechesis takes place with the parents prior to scheduling a date for the baptism. For more information, please contact Deacon Ray in the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Engaged couples should contact the parish office at least six months in advance of the proposed date of the wedding. Please refer to the marriage policy as found on the parish website.

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK/COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

Arrangements may be made for Communion to the Homebound or for the Sacrament of the Sick by calling the parish office. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick should be celebrated at the outset of an illness or when there is a change in the person's condition. The Sacrament should also be received prior to surgery.

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The diocesan policies are available by calling the parish office or by consulting the diocesan website at www.catholicnh.org.

OPEN FOR YOU!

We invite you to use our church, the transept chapel, or the Emmaus Chapel (in the office building) for personal prayer. Our sacred spaces are open daily from 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. (closed Saturday after the 4:00 p.m. Mass).

Welcome! If you are new to our community, we hope you have felt welcome! If you are a visitor - occasional or frequent - we're glad you joined us! If you're considering parish membership introduce yourself to the pastor after Holy Mass to get the process underway!

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